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Sir:

Applicants and applicants representatives would like to thank Examiners Gabel and Le for taking the time to meet with us on October 13, 2004 for purposes of discussing this case. We appreciate your insight and have incorporated your recommendations and suggestions into the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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